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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE WORKING GROUP

MEETING: GROUP 77 CONSIDERING NEW TACK

- 1. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT HAS LEARNED THAT GROUP 77 REPRESENTATIVES ARE MEETING IN A FEW DAYS TO CONSIDER NEW APPROACH TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE IN WORKING GROUP MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 19. THEY REPORTEDLY ARE ACTING AT SUGGESTION OF NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA, WHO WISHES TO DEFINE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL RELATIONS WITH FAO IN TERMS THAT ARE CLEARER AND MORE FAVORABLE TO FAO. SAOUMA REPORTEDLY IS SUPPORTED IN THIS BY FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN GONZALO BULA HOYOS (COLUMBIA) AND D.J. WALTON (IRISH), FORMER CHEF DE CABINET TO FORMER FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL BOERMA.
- 2. COMMENT: THIS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN POSITION OF RADICAL GROUP 77 LEADERS, WHO PRESSED HARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN BEGINNING, AND WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPAND POWER OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT. AS THEIR CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, HOWEVER, SAOUMA DOES WIELD MUCH INFLUENCE WITH THEM. THIS NEW TACK MAY FURTHER CONFUSE RULES OF PROCEDURES ISSUES. WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF SPECIFIC NEW IDEAS AS SOON AS GROUP 77 HAS MET AND WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE THINKING. VOLPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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